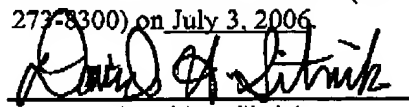


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AMENDMENT B

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Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby submit this Amendment A for the above-referenced patent application in response to Office Action, paper no. 20060310--date mailed: April 4, 2006; for which a response is due July 5, 2006 by a shortened statutory period for reply set to expire three [3] months from the mailing date of the Office Action.

Claims 1, 4-10, 12-13, 17-21, 23-27, 29, 31, 33-13, 45-56 and 58-62 have been rejected. Claims 1, 4-10, 12, 13, 17-21, 23-27, 29, 31, 33-43, 45-56 and 58-74 are hereby currently pending. Claims 1, 19, 20, 21, 23, 27, 31, 43, 54 and 56 are hereby currently amended. Claims 4-8, 12, 13, 17, 18, 33-39, 41, 42, 45-49, 52, 58 and 59 were previously presented. Claims 9, 10, 24-26, 29, 40, 50, 51, 53, 55 and 60-62 are original. Claims 63-74 are hereby added as new claims. Claims 2, 3, 11, 14-16, 22, 28, 30, 32, 44 and 57 were previously canceled without prejudice. No new matter has been added. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

The Director has previously been authorized to charge any additional fees and credit any overpayments during the pendency of this application to Sitrick & Sitrick's Deposit Account Number: 501166. No additional fee is due.